Public notice prohibiting use of Clinical Thermometers

2073. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Public Notice prohibiting the use of clinical thermometers marked in Fahrenheit by people has been issued in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Notice also mentions some instructions for manufacturers prohibiting them from manufature of non-standard clinical thermometers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some instructions have also been issued to all registered chemists in the country not to deal with non-standard clinical thermometers;

(f) whether Government propose to get the content of public notice displayed with each registered chemist of the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) to (g) As per section 4 of Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976, metric units are the legal system for measurements in the country. Sections 22 and 23 of the Act further provide that measuring instruments based on metric system only should be used and no weight or measure shall be made or manufactured unless it conforms to the standards of weight or measures established by or under the Act.

The relevant provisions of the Act came into force on Ist July, 1987. The specification of clinical thermometer based on metric system was notified and brought into force on the same date. The public notice appearing in various newspapers on 22—24th November, 1995 is a reiteration of the already existing legal provision and a part of the ongoing enforcement activities. A copy of the said notice that gives the necessary details is annexed (*see* below).

The contents of the said notice are for the benefit of all concerned including the manufacturers, traders and consumers and there does not appear any necessity to display the notice with the chemists.

Statement

MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISBRIBUTION DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SUPPLIES PUBLIC NOTICE

The clinical thermometers marked in 'Fahranheit' scale are non-standard thermometers and they may not be safe for use.

The use of such thermometers may lead to wrong diagnosis and wrong treatment. Don't take chance.

ATTENTION MANUFACTURERS

The Law prohibits manufacturing of non-standard Weights & Measures. Manufacturing of thermometers with 'Celsius' scale only is permitted under the Law. To ensure the quality of the clinical theremometers sold in the market, the law requires that (i) their models are approved by the Central Government, before they are manufatured and (ii) they are verified and sealed before being sold to consumers. Unverified thermometers should not be sold in the market.

ATTENTION USERS

Insist for 'Celsius' scale thermometer with seal. Unverified thermometers not be safe for use. If you notice any violation, report it to the Controller of Legal Metrology of your State.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Normal body temperature	37 Celsius
High fever	39 Celsius
Very high fever	40 Celsius

Implementation of Pay Commission report in Indian Trade Service

2074. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken on the assurance for implementation of the provisions of last Pay Commission's report in the Indian Trade Service;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact thet officers of other services are continued to be posted in Indian Trade Service;

(d) whether there is any other service where such infiltration from other services is permitted;

(e) whether it is a fact that officers of other services are blocking the amendment of rules to ensure their continuation; and

(f) whether there is a great resentment among the Indian Trade Service officers and the action taken by Government to ensure the career prospects of Indian Trade Service Officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (f) The last Pay Commission recommended encadrement of one post of Additional DGFT in the Central Trade Service (now ITS) and upgradation of post of Jt. DGFT at Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras to the Rs. 4500-5700 scale.

The post of Addl. DGFT has been encadred in the ITS and eligible officers of the ITS have been granted the recommended pay scale (4500-5700) on a non-functional basis. This includes eligible ITS officers posted in the four zonel offices.

The recruitment rules of the Indian Trade Service at present allow for central deputation upto 40% posts at the level of Jt. DGFT from amongst IAS and other Group A services. These recruitment rules along with other related cadre management and restructuring proposals have been examined within the DGFT, Ministry of Commerce and DOP&T. The final views have been formalised taking into consideration suggestions and demands of the Indian Trade Service Officers' Assn. made to the Fifth Pay Commission. These take into consideration the better cadre management and improved career prospects. These views have also been forwarded to the 5th Pay Commission.

Employees Retiring Under VRS in Super Bazar

2075. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of employees have retired under voluntary retirement scheme from Super Bazar from June, 1993 till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof category-wise;

(c) whether the retired employees have been paid their outstanding dues;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which all dues are likely to be paid to the concerned employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES COMSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.